Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter

Notes from the Chairman's Office

Greetings,

Spring is here; at least they say it is. We've had some unexpected cold fronts through lately that have tricked us. Fortunately, no freezing was involved so we suffered no garden damage. This is the first year in at least 5 years that I've planted and I even decided to plant early. We'll see how it goes.

Just before Easter, we enjoyed great success with the Annual Chitimacha Louisiana Open. The field of players was awesome and I'm sure we will see some of the leaders of this tournament show up on the PGA tour later in their careers. One of the most significant benefits of the tournament is to raise money to help the local charities and again this year our mission was accomplished. The Tribe's participation is one of the things we do to "give a little back" to those in the area in need. We obviously are very blessed to have a source of revenue that provides for our community in so many areas. It continues to be my rule and guide that sharing will come back to us ten-fold. With the support of our Tribal Council, we continue to "make a difference".

There's lots of excitement in the air around the administrative offices, with so many good things taking shape for the future of our people. Let me name a few:

First and foremost, our Language program with the Rosetta Stone folks is all but finalized. We will have a final meeting next week to discuss and possibly "ink" the deal.

Next, we are in the final phase of planning for the upgrade of our RV Park. This will be a significant expansion and will result in us having more spaces for our RV driving customers. The Tribal Council has also discussed and has agreed in principle to the addition of a number of chalets to our RV park area. With the addition of these, however, the cost of operation definitely goes up. The trick is to have all this available and turn a profit. Not as easy as it sounds, but we will work it all out to our best advantage.

April 2007

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Next, we have the hotel project. We have stepped back for a new look at location and size. We all feel that it would be to our best service to have our hotel connected to the casino and at the same time design for more rooms. We have been very thoughtful in this planning process and again want to build to our best advantage.

Next, we have the development of our Raintree Village. New things are happening there and the picture is beginning to fill in. As you may know, we have sold/donated land to the St. Mary Parish School Board for them to construct a new elementary school. It is projected that around 700 students will attend. Needless to say this has already and will continue to create interest in living in our new community. In addition, we have just agreed to work with the Town of Baldwin to provide a location for a new community center. It appears we are having renewed interest in our new community.

Next, we are continuing to plan the new supermarket for Raintree, and it will be known as "Raintree Market". This project is slated to begin construction in the mid-summer and to be complete after the first of the year. This enterprise will serve the entire area with a new and fresh shopping experience.

There are other considerations for our growth and development pattern and some are farther out in the future. The Tribal Council is continuing to look at diversification of our interest. We have a good solid foundation and now we can build on this. In closing, I'll say that the prospectus is good and as long as we continue to pay attention to the here and now and always look to the future, we'll be successful and secure.

Until Next Time, Huya Nito

Resolution for the Month of February

#08/07 Temporarily excludes Tyrone Jevar Weber aka "Spook" from the Reservation.

Resolutions for the Month of March

#09-07 Approves all legally required documents and instruments formally effectuating the real property transfer nunc pro tunc.

Resolutions for the Month of March Continued...

#10-07	Amends and adopts the Long Range Transportation Plan by adding the roadways identified on the IRR Roadway Inventory, Table of Goods and Services. In addition, the Council is requesting that these roadways be incorporated into the official BIA Inventory for the Tribe. Also adopts the 2007 Amended Roadway Priorities List and authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign all documents necessary to update the Roads Inventory and the Priority List for the purpose of identifying the Tribal Transportation needs for the future.
#11-07	Amends the Loan Agreement with RAM Holdings, LLC.
#12-07	Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit a Basic Library Services grant application for fiscal year 2007 for the purpose of providing funding for basic library service activities on the Reservation, and to sign any and all documents pertaining to the grant.
#13-07	Authorizes the Chairman to sign the amended contract with the law firm of VanAmberg, Rogers, Yepa & Abeita, LLP.
#14-07	Appoints Howard G. Mora, Jr., to serve as an Election Board Member for the unexpired term of one year.
#15-07	Appoints Ann Kimberly Cook to serve as an Election Board Member for a term of four years, effective March 8, 2007.
#16-07	Authorizes the Tribe's membership with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and designates the Chairman as Delegate and the Vice Chairman as Alternate.
#17-07	Renews the Tribe's membership with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), and appoints the Chairman to Represent the Tribe and the Vice Chairman as Alternate.
#18-07	Authorizes the cancellation of a land lease for Toby C. Darden, and the reassignment of a land lease for Seth Gaddy.
#19-07	Authorizes the cancellation of a land lease for Seth Gaddy, and the reassignment of a land lease for Jake Darden.
#20-07	Authorizes a land lease for Roy Darden, Jr.
#21-07	Authorizes a land lease for Gertrude Gordy Salisbury.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS

MARCH 2007

For the month of March 2007, the following traffic citations were issued—one for careless operation, one for driving with a suspended drivers license, one for failure to stop at a stop sign, two for speeding, and one for driving without a drivers license (juvenile).

The following arrests were logged for March 2007:

03-02-07	Two females for disturbing the peace by fighting.
03-02-07	One male for criminal damage to property.
03-03-07	One male for criminal trespassing.
03-04-07	One male for criminal trespassing.
03-05-07	One female for possession of marijuana.
03-05-07	One female arrested on an outstanding 16th Judicial Bench Warrant for failure to appear for trial on charges of battery on a police officer, criminal damage to property, resisting an officer, public intimidation of police officers, and disturbing the peace intoxicated.
03-06-07	One female for possession of drug paraphernalia.
03-12-07	One male for criminal trespassing.
03-14-07	One male for child abandonment.
03-15-07	One male for simple battery and disturbing the peace.
03-17-07	One male for possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.
03-18-07	One male arrested on a warrant issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for parole violation.
03-18-07	One female arrested for burglary and criminal mischief.
03-18-07	One male arrested on an outstanding Chitimacha Police warrant for domestic battery and an outstanding warrant from Iberia Parish for failure to appear for arraignment on the charge of simple battery.
03-25-07	One male for simple battery.
03-30-07	One male arrested on a Chitimacha police warrant for theft.

FOUR-WHEELERS/ATV'S

Now that the weather has warmed up, more individuals are taking to the roads on four-wheelers/ATV's. For the safety of all riders and the public, and the tranquility of residents on the reservation we are asking operators of these four-wheelers/ATV's to ride responsibly and to respect the property of others.

•Operators are to ride slowly on the side of the road when going from one place to another.
•Do not ride on any property that is not your own unless you have permission from the property owner.
•Do not ride on any Tribal property, for example, the park area, walking track, construction sites, business areas, property surrounding the Yaamahana building, etc.).
• DO NOT RIDE AFTER DARK.

CHITIMACHA COMPREHENSIVE CODES OF JUSTICE

Title VII Section 902–Operation of All Terrain Vehicles

(a) A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle upon any roadway or roadway shoulder in this jurisdiction..

(b) Any operator of an ATV may make a direct crossing of a roadway but such operator shall:

(1) First bring the ATV to a complete stop before crossing any roadway.

(2) Yield the right of way to any motor vehicle or pedestrian.

(3) Cross the roadway only when such crossing can be made in safety.

(c) A person may not operate an ATV in the following ways which are declared to be unsafe and a public nuisance.

(1) In any area which prohibits the use of ATV's as designated by the Tribal Council and so clearly marked.

(2) In a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage to such person or property.

(3) While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

(4) In any garden or tree nursery area, school area, business area or area not owned by the operator or his or her family (if a minor).

PENALTY: Any person violating this section shall be fined an amount not to exceed $250.00 and/or the ATV may be impounded and held until impoundment fee in the amount of $50.00 is paid.

Title VII Section 903–Operation of ATV Upon Roadways

EXCEPTION:

Any ATV which is duly registered with the State of Louisiana and with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and operated by a person who is a duly licensed operator and who has the required liability insurance may operate any ATV upon the roadways within this jurisdiction.

(A licensed operator must attend an ATV safety course).

NOTE: Allowing operators of four-wheelers/ATV's to ride slowly on the side of the road to get to a designated riding area is a privilege on the reservation and this privilege can be revoked at anytime.

We ask that parents please explain these rules and codes to their children.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IS APRIL 08 TO 14, 2007.

NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK IS MAY 13 TO 19, 2007.

Thank your communications and police officers for the job they do to assist you and to help keep your community safe.

THE POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER

Lord, I ask for courage

Courage to face and conquer my fears.....

Courage to take me where others won't go....

Lord, I ask for strength

Strength of body to protect others and strength of spirit to lead others....

Lord, I ask for dedication.

Dedication to do my job well.

Dedication to my community, to keep it safe....

And please Lord, through it all,

Be at my side....

THE DISPATCHERS PRAYER

•Dear Lord, help me keep safe those who depend on me. Give me healthy ears, for they are my link with those who need me. Keep my mind sharp and alert, my fingers quick and nimble. Grant that I never forget how to do ten things at once and do them all equally well.

•Bless me with patience Lord. Patience to deal with the public, with the officers, with the boss and with everyone else who makes me want to grit my teeth and yell.

•Grant me empathy that I may help the battered wife, the rape victim, the abused child and not cause them more pain than they already have.

•God, give me the ability to learn what I need, to remember it quickly and give me wisdom to use the knowledge properly.

•Bless my family Lord, for they will have to make sacrifices to shift work, overtime, cancelled plans and times when I just can't take on more thing. Help them understand the missed ball games, school programs and dinners for two.

•Lord give me courage. Courage to persevere when I feel undervalued, unappreciated, overworked and unrecognized. Courage to keep trying when I feel in my heart it's hopeless.

•Last of all Lord, help me to never forget why I chose to do this job in the first place, to never lose sight of what is important in the midst of the stress. Help me to remember that I make a difference, however small it may seem some days and that I matter.

•I am a dispatcher, Lord, grant me peace.

Chitimacha Tribal School

Eagle Pride…Eagle Spirit!

Spring 2007

Classroom Buzz!

In January…

Ms. Beth Rodriguez's third graders began the New Year writing everything in cursive! They have been practicing since August, and their handwriting is beautiful! Multiplication is also something new the third graders are working on. Students are learning one set of facts at a time and as they master them, they will add a scoop to their ice cream cones on the "Fact" bulletin board. Ms. Beth has also been working with students on perfecting their writing skills in preparation for the ILEAP test in March. In Social Studies class, students are learning how various cultures celebrate New Year's. Students created a web map using the computer program, "Kidspiration", showing the customs of different cultures around the world. After discussing the traditions and customs of people in the U. S., everyone made New Year's resolutions and shared them with the class. Our Third Grade Star-of-the-Week is Caleb Darden. Congratulations, Caleb!

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grade students were busy working and reworking, visiting and revisiting, and diving into new areas, as they prepare for the approaching Leap and I-Leap test. Sixth grade has begun collecting Pop tabs, as a way to "Make a Difference" in our world. The pop tabs are collected to help the Ronald McDonald Houses for children with terminal illnesses. Also big thanks go out to Avery Magee, a kindergarten student at CTS, and her grandfather Johnny Ruskoski, for making a monetary donation to our school. We will use this donation to purchase incentives for our students. With everyone's help our students achieve!

All PE classes are finished with basketball. The 5th thru 8th graders practiced their skills in game settings while the younger children practiced ball skills with fun activities. Job well done, to all the students who participated in the Recreation Department's basketball program!

Grades K thru 8th are getting the hang of using Pilates Exercise Balls. All the students are learning what it feels like to hold their body weight with their arms and it's a new felling for the younger children. The older students have begun to use light hand weights and are learning to isolate certain muscles in the process. The children are also learning about aerobic and anaerobic exercises. As soon as all the skills are learned, the students will begin working at different stations for physical fitness. Grades 5th thru8th have learned to take a resting pulse and an elevated pulse following a warm-up routine.

In first grade our most popular reading selection this month was the one about dancing at Ms. Tiptoe's Dance Studio. These first graders are very good dancers. Everybody brought in their 100 collections for the 100th day of school. The most unusual collection was from MaKayla Higgins. She brought in 100 gift cards. The fun activities in the classroom and in the gym for our 100th Day of School Celebration were enjoyed. We have almost finished our Non-Violence lessons with Ms. Libby. Now it is time to use the skills learned. Hands-on activities with telling time, measuring temperature, comparing capacity, practicing estimation, and using directional words on a grid were educational and fun for everybody. Our star student is Dynah Sedatol. Congratulations, Dynah!

1st grade "100 Cup Castle"

In February…

Mrs. Jamie & Mrs. Sheila's kindergartners are reading and writing numbers through 31. The students are recognizing and writing the numerals that describe the quantities 11 through 31. They have concluded the unit on Space Exploration and the students enjoyed learning about astronauts and the solar system. We really had a "BLAST" celebrating our 100th day in school. During February, we will focus on Louisiana.

Second graders have been working so hard this year! Our new Math has really gotten us thinking critically. We are working on proportional reasoning skills to solve problems in the real-world and we have been adding using regrouping. We have been doing lots of hands on activities to help us learn these skills. In Social Studies we will be studying the presidents. We will focus on three presidents, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and George W. Bush. We will make patriotic profiles. Each one will write a report about "If I become President…. At the end of the Unit we will make cherry tarts to celebrate our hard work. We had a Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, Feb. 17. The parade was a community event.

Also, we would like to recognize our shinning stars at CTS…each week we have students that are chosen to represent their grade as the most outstanding student. For the month of February the following students were our "Star Students"…Kindergarten – Bryonna Verret, 2nd grade – Nick Salisbury, 3rd grade - Caylin Moneaux, 4th grade – Joshua Darden, 6th grade – Rhett LeBlanc, 7th grade – Kole Fluke, and in 8th grade – Keith Leedom! Congratulations to all our Star Students…they are what helps CTS shine BRIGHT!

In March…

In our kindergarten class Mrs. Jamie & Mrs. Sheila's kindergartners learned about measurement. The students compared lengths of objects using cubes, paper clips, etc. We concluded the unit on Louisiana and enjoyed learning about Louisiana and their culture. During March, we focused on Plants and Environment. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day for Saturday, March 17th the children and their parents built traps to try and catch the Leprechaun…unfortunately we did not catch him! Students walked into a classroom of mess on Friday. Someone had definitely been in their classroom and left plenty of evidence. Mats were overturned, parts of the prepared traps were hanging from above, and tiny little green toe prints were spotted everywhere! The children were disappointed that they could not catch the St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun but there is always next year. A BIG Congratulation goes out to MaKenzie Broussard…she is "Star of the Week".

CTS Kindergarten Children with their "Homemade Traps"!

Our First grade class is at the end of our fourth reading book, just one more to go. Ms. Phyllis is pleased with our reading because we love to read. Math is keeping us very busy. Measuring inches is fun to do and so is finding out which thing is heavier or lighter. We are also telling time and making graphs. Shapes are easy to make with straws for sides and clay for corners. Our "Trees" unit was great and so is learning about the sun, shadows, moon, and stars. Austin Burgess is our STAR of the WEEK! Congratulations, Austin!

Second graders were getting ready to take the ILEAP Test. Everybody is really excited and tried to do their very best on the test. I know that they are glad it is all over with. March is the last month for our Book-It program. We have been working really hard to reach our goals. For those of us who will reach our goal, we will have a pizza party in April. Keep up the good work! Our Reading story is From Seed to Plant. This is an informational story about the life cycle of plants. This story will tie in with our Science Unit, which is also about plants. We will be learning Chitimacha words that go along with this unit. Our Star of the Month is Bishop Boutte. Congratulations Bishop!

Along with our art contest our 3rd graders are ready to get back on track! Ms. Beth Rodriguez's third graders are back on track after having taken the iLEAP test. They enjoyed an iLEAP celebration on Friday after testing in recognition of their hard work and the end of testing week. Students began learning about their state government, and made comparisons to city and their tribal governments which they previously studied. Plans are being made to visit the Chitimacha Museum where they will get to see how the Chitimacha Tribal government was founded. Also, Ms. Beth introduced a Power Point presentation in which the students will select a state, research it, and create a Power Point presentation to their classmates. The third graders will be creating various types of graphs in Math class using the computer program, "Graph Club." Students are still working toward earning their "scoops" for their ice cream cones on our multiplication fact board! Our Third Grade Star-of-the-Week is Caleb Darden. Congratulations, Caleb!

What an exciting time of the school year for the students at the Chitimacha Tribal School! Friday, March 2nd, students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss's book The Cat in the Hat's 50th birthday! Ms. Jen and Ms. Zil, CTS cafeteria staff, served GREEN eggs and ham for breakfast and made a BIG birthday cake decorated with red and white strips for dessert at lunchtime. Ms. Denise, CTS school librarian, and Ms. Phyllis, CTS 1st grade teacher, have graciously volunteered and made hats like Cat's to wear on Friday. Also, Ms. Denise had stocked her library with several new Dr. Seuss books. At 2:00 PM on Friday students gathered in the gym to have the book, The Cat in the Hat, read to them by Ms. Molly followed by games for students to play! Reading is celebrated in more ways then one at CTS and we are proud to share!

Everyone in the 5th grade class at Chitimacha Tribal School have been working really hard since the Mardi Gras holidays. They were counting down to the iLeap test that started on March 19. They are also counting down the days to Spring break. In science we are learning about natural cycles found in the atmosphere such as the carbon, nitrogen, and water cycle and the 6 major biomes found on earth. We will each research a biome and then present our findings to the class. In social studies we are learning about the differences that divided Britain and its colonies in North America. We just finished reading Dear Mr. Henshaw in reading. Congratulations to Gavin Brown for being the 5th grade Star of the Week. Keep up the good work!!!

CTS students are enjoying the last nine weeks of school! During a lesson on the scientific method sixth graders completed their design of an educational board game project. They put their scientific thinking hats on as they created new educational board games. They "tested" their games while instructing and playing with CTS second graders, they received feedback, and finally, they revised their board games accordingly. While sixth grade were busy creating their masterpieces CTS seventh graders enjoyed watching "spaghetti dance" as it was "carried away" on carbon dioxide. This demonstration with chemicals educates students on different reactions that may take place between items. Last but certainly not least our eighth graders learned how American volunteers share their scientific knowledge with other countries through the Peace Corps. This powerful lesson helps students focus on the power each citizen has to make a difference in someone else's world.

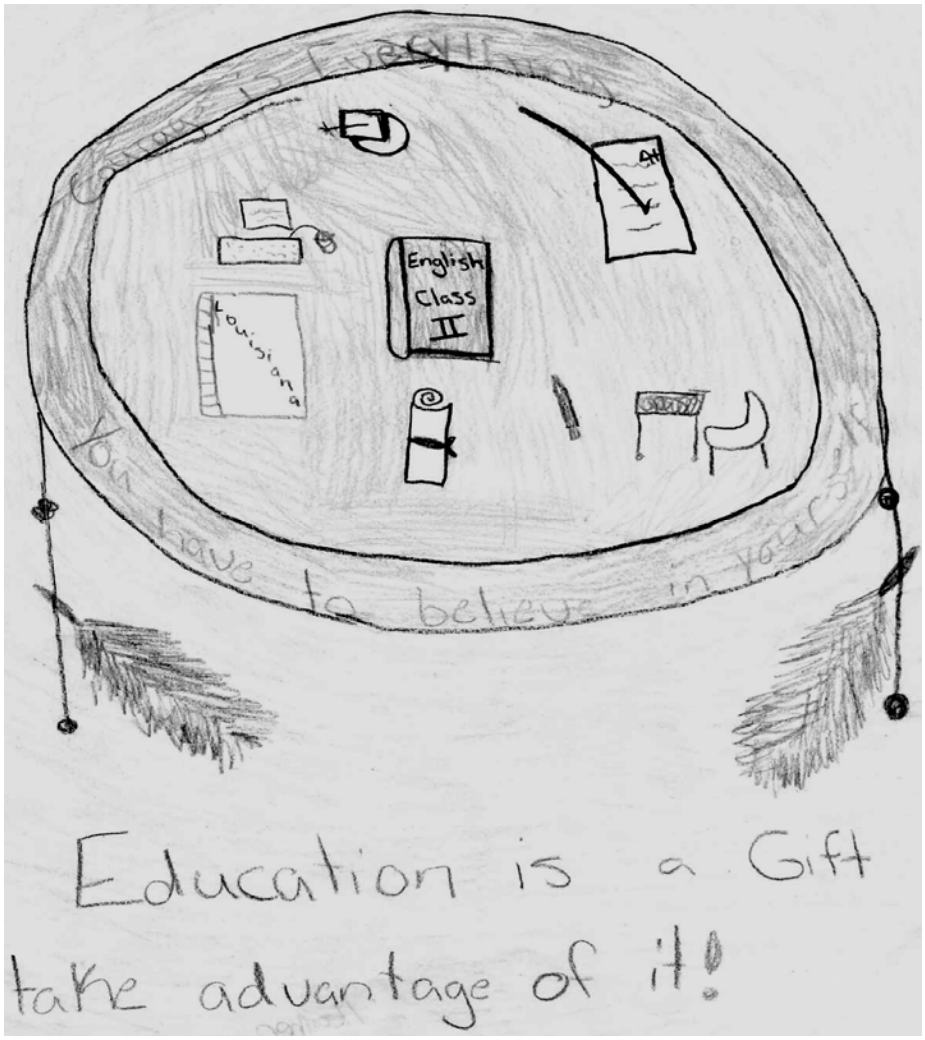
4-H

The Chitimacha Tribal School 4-H Club attended the St. Mary Parish 4-H Fair at Franklin Sr. High School. Club members submitted projects in categories like home decor, photography, and toy making. Many of the school's projects placed first, second, or third in the judging. One member, Calieb Johnson, whose pig placed in the parish fair, attended the district fair. Members had worked on a fundraiser, creating Valentine's Day goodies that was sold in February. Our C.T.S. 4-H Club offers many of our students an opportunity to express their creativity and involve themselves in the betterment of our school and community.

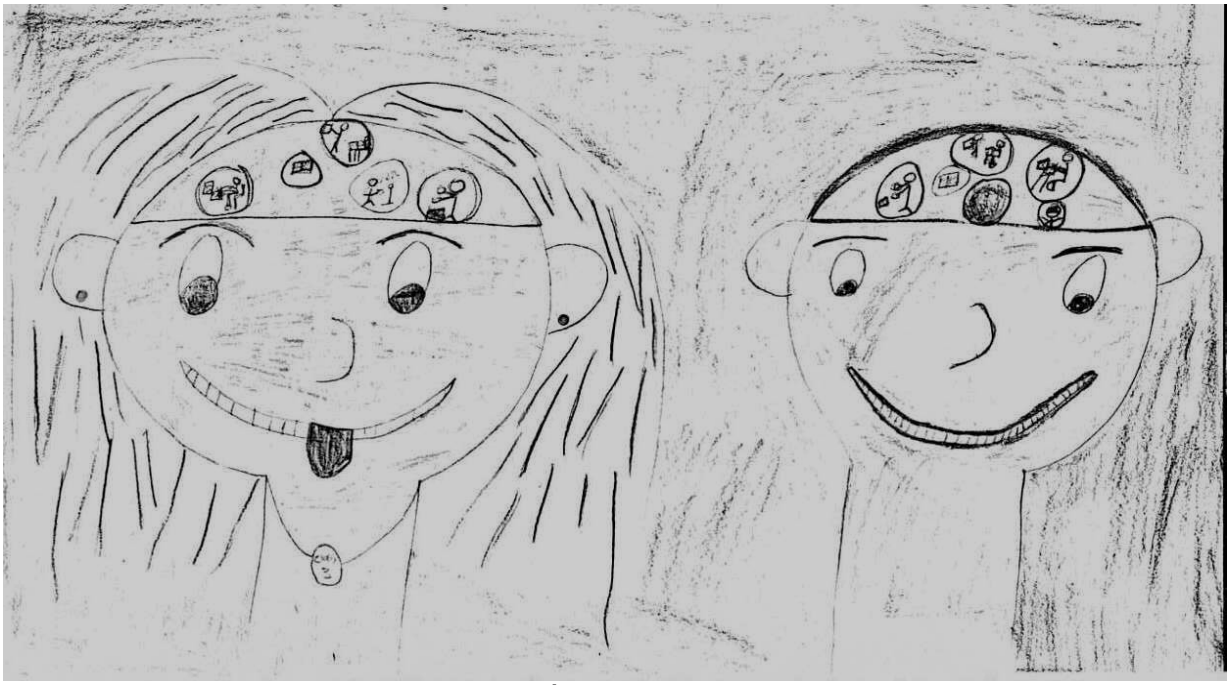
AWARDS

Students showed their off their academics talents as well as their good fashion coordination by dressing as a cowboy or cowgirl and parading around their classes! CTS celebrated the end of the second nine weeks with a Western Renaissance pep-rally which began with a heart-healthy howdy from our fearless leader, Mrs. Tanya Rosamond followed by cheers performed by CTS cheerleaders. Students were able to show-off their styles in a "Best Western Wear" contest which had the judges stomped. Staff made students laugh as they formed two teams and played a relay game of which teams dress in western attire the quickest. Students also showed off which class is the fastest when it comes to relays as they jump into many different western themed obstacles. Among all the excitement and playing students did receive their much deserved awards for Principal's List, Honor Roll, Good Conduct, Perfect Attendance, and Most Improved. Students ended the pep-rally as they glided across the school gymnasium floor to the tunes from Brooks and Dunn's, "Boot, Scoot, Bogie!" CTS is proud of all our students and staff for their awesome participation in play and work!

CTS held an art contest for the 2007 Native American Student Art Competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Indian Education and judging was pretty tough! The theme this year was "Education: A Gift without Boundaries." The theme supports some of the department's objectives for education in the Native American communities. The competition was open to all Native American and Alaska Indian students in grades Pre-K to twelfth grades. Students were able to choose what type of media they wanted and create a piece of art work that defined what the theme meant to them. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade competed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place along with students in grades fifth through eighth. Many students in all grade levels competed and our three judges had some difficulty making their choices, but finally winners were named. In the lower grades 1st place was awarded to Maloree Darden (3rd grade), 2nd place went to Caylin Moneaux (3rd grade) and 3rd place went to Maiya Darby (kindergarten). In the upper grades 1st place was awarded to Heather Simoneaux (8th grade), 2nd place went to Kaitlan Louviere (8th grade), and 3rd place went to Jasi Anderson (6th grade).



1st Place – 5th – 8th grade – Heather Simoneaux



1st Place – K – 4th grade - Maloree Darden

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

Third Nine Weeks Renaissance Program

Award Winners:

Principal's List:

3rd Grade: Drake Hewitt
4th Grade: Joshua Darden
Kati Martin
8th Grade: Kaitlan Louviere

Honor Roll:

1st Grade: Tayla Bernauer
Mason Gaddy
Makayla Higgins
2nd Grade: Sage Guillory
Kymberlin Landry
Peyton Trahan
Amanda Vilcan
3rd Grade: Kyle Darden
Maloree Darden
Caylin Moneaux
4th Grade: Colby Darden
Caleb Higgins
Tommie Poirrier
Jose Sanchez
5th Grade: Erica Compton
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan
6th Grade: Jasi Anderson
Kaylee Cormier
Rhett LeBlanc
7th Grade: Kole Fluke
Karli Mensman
8th Grade: Kaitlan Louviere

Improvement Award

Kindergarten: Madison Cook
Avery Magee
Miguel Sanchez
1st Grade: Austin Burgess
Kimberly Darden
3rd Grade: Trent Darden
4th Grade: Caleb Higgins
5th Grade: Gavin Brown
7th Grade: Nicholas Boudreaux
Taylor Darden

Good Conduct:

Kindergarten: Makenzie Broussard
Maiya Darby
Dymond Darden
Nina Darden
Savannah Guillory
Drake Pontiff
Breyonna Verret
Khloe Walden
1st Grade: Conner Anderson
2nd Grade: Meghan Baham
Raine Darden
Nickolas Salisbury
Amanda Vilcan
3rd Grade: Trent Darden
Drake Hewitt
Caylin Moneaux

Good Conduct Con-

4th Grade: Colby Darden
Joshua Darden
Sarah Guillory
Kati Martin
Reid Simoneaux
5th Grade: Erica Compton
Katie Vilcan
Victoria Vilcan
6th Grade: Jasi Anderson
Kaylee Cormier
7th Grade: Nicholas Boudreaux
Taylor Darden
Kole Fluke
Karli Mensman
8th Grade: Dustin Bobbitt
Elizabeth Butaud
Alfred Crochet
Jake Gaddy
Kaitlan Louviere
Elizabeth Poirrier
Heather Simoneaux

Award Winners Continued:

Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten:	Maiya Darby
	Nina Darden
1st Grade:	Makayla Higgins
2nd Grade:	Haylee Bourgeois
	Hannah Butaud
	Chase Cormier
	Barry Moneaux
	Gabriel Parro
	Peyton Trahan
3rd Grade:	Trent Darden
	Drake Hewitt
4th Grade:	Russel Aucoin
	Kale Delcambre
5th Grade:	Gavin Brown
6th Grade:	Kaylee Cormier
7th Grade:	Nicholas Boudreaux
8th Grade:	Dustin Bobbitt
	Dallas Brown
	Alfred Crochet
	Jake Gaddy

STUDENTS AND PARENTS, CONGRATUATIONS!
YOUR HARD WORK IS SHOWING!

News from Yaamahana

by

Kathleen Flanagan

The week of April 23-27, Yaamahana will celebrate the Week of the Young Child. On Wednesday, April 25, the center will host the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon. On Friday, April 27, we will end the week with a special outdoor celebration from 9:30-12:00 noon. We will have a variety of activities including a fun jump, bubbles, painting, water play, and a picnic lunch. The Culture Department will participate with a special activity for the children. Tribal children under the age of five, who are not attending Yaamahana, are invited to attend. The child must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Kathleen Flanagan at 923-0100 if you are interested in bringing your child to the celebration.

The next Child Passenger Safety Training has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 6:00 PM. When Tribal families attend the one hour training, they receive a free car seat for their child. Two safety seat checks will also be scheduled in May. The safety seat check determines if the car seat being used is appropriate for the child and if the seat is installed properly. If you are interested in attending the training and a safety seat check, please contact Kathleen Flanagan at 923-0100.

Proper Child Restraint Recommendations

Conditions	Infants		Toddlers	Older Children
Weight and Age	• Birth to at least 1 year old AND at least 20 pounds	• Birth to at least 1 year old • More than 20 pounds and less than 35 pounds	Over 1 year old, over 20 pounds, up to approximately 40 pounds	Over 40 pounds, ages 4-8, unless 4'9" tall
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear - facing convertible	Rear-facing convertible designed for heavier infants	Convertible/ forward-facing/ high-back booster with harness	Belt-positioning booster (high-back or no-back)
Seat Position	Rear-facing only		Forward-facing	Forward-facing
Always Make Sure	Harness straps are at, or below shoulder level.		Harness straps should be at, or above, shoulder level.	Belt-positioning booster seats are used with lap/shoulder belt combination only.
Remember	Do not place infants in the front seat of vehicles with air bags.		5-point harnesses provide the best protection.	Make sure the lap belt portion fits low and tight to avoid abdominal injuries.

Children 12 and under are safest when properly restrained in the rear seat. Keep children rear-facing as long as possible. Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacture's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation.

This advertisement's publication is a stipulation of grant funds received.

Recreation Newsletter

April 2007

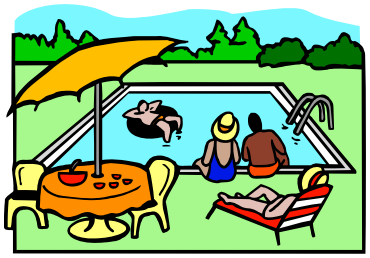
Chitimacha Challenge: Nineteen Challenge participants are still going strong.

Baseball: Chitimacha Recreation opened the 2007 Baseball Season with a ceremonial first pitch thrown by Chairman Al LeBlanc and Vice-Chairman Tricia Mora. The season began with two boys 7-8 pitching machine games, a 9-12 girls' fast pitch and a 7-8 girls' pitching machine game. Chitimacha will host games on Mondays and Tuesdays for 7 weeks, along with Franklin hosting games on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Please come out and support our teams and concession stand.

Pictured is one of our 7-8 boys' pitching machine teams coached by Clint Bishop, Kenny Walden, and Kevin Rodriguez. Tribal members include: Jude Boudreaux, Chase Cormier, Drake Hewitt, Mason Gaddy, Robert Compton, and Conner Anderson, along with community members Spencer Bishop, Luke Rodriguez, Kameron Walden, Logan Hebert and Kaden Bourque.

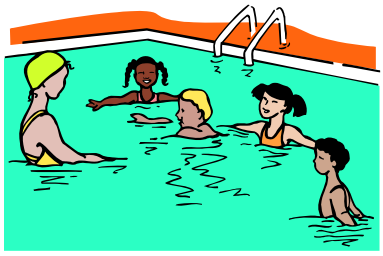
Chairman Al LeBlanc

Vice-Chairman Tricia Mora



Pool: We plan to uncover the pool in mid April for cleaning, and hopefully be able to open at the beginning of May.

Swim Team: We will begin registration at the beginning of May; therefore, check your swim team suits for proper fit. Reminders will be sent to school. You will need to come in to register so that we can order suits in time for practice sessions.



Swim Lessons: We will hold swimming lessons for two weeks in June and registration will be held at the same time as swim team registration.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
Human Services Department

Karen Matthews, MSW, GSW
Social Services Director

The Drug Court Compliance and Domestic Violence Awareness Seminars were a success. Law Enforcement, Human Services and Court Personnel were provided with valuable information regarding theses Programs. The following agencies participated: Chitimacha Tribal Police Department, Chitimacha Tribal Courts, Chitimacha Human Services Department, Jeanerette City Police, and Iberia Parish Marshal's Office. Speakers included Judge Cameron Simmons with the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, Judge Keith Comeaux with the St. Mary Parish 16th Judicial District Adult and Family-Focus Juvenile Drug Courts, Mr. Laris Levy and Ms. Keona Lanceslin with the Drug Court Program and Ms. Sami Riley, Ms. Cherris Picard and Ms. Mae Antoine with Chez Hope, Inc. Special thanks are

Pictured left to right, Tribal Court Judge Cameron Simmons, Chairman Al LeBlanc, St. Mary Parish Judge Keith Comeaux, Mr. Laris Levy, and Tribal Court Prosecutor Jimmy Senette.

The month of April is recognized as Child Abuse and Alcohol Abuse Awareness. Human Services in conjunction with the Chitimacha Tribal School will hold our Annual Child Abuse Awareness Parade on Thursday, April 19th at 2:00 p.m. The Tribal School students will display Banners they have completed regarding the theme, "Good Parenting Lasts a Life Time."

Human Services' Boys and Girls' Groups have completed filming of a video entitled "The Cries of Children." This video will be presented at the upcoming Parent's Night at the Tribal School as a child abuse/alcohol abuse awareness activity.

On April 2, 2007, Karen Matthews was the Guest Speaker for the St. Mary Parish 16th Judicial District Adult Drug Court. The Drug Court had the largest number of graduates since its inception with twenty completing the program.

Human Services would like to extend a special thank you to the parents of our Boys and Girls' Groups for allowing your children to participate. We have approximately forty-three children actively participating. Our Groups will be preparing for our Annual Field Trips during the month of May. We are excited and looking forward to having a great time. Again, thank you!

In closing "Works-in progress are never perfect. But changes can be made to the rough draft during rewrites. Another color can be added to the canvas. The film can be lightened during editing. So can life."

DID YOU EVER THINK

Did you ever think –
You would win the power ball,
You would get struck by lightening,
You would walk on the moon,
You would lose your freedom?
Neither did I.

Did you ever think –
That it would be like a kid just
Starting to ride a four-wheeler –
Slow at first, careful and safe, then
In time gradually gaining speed and
Becoming more risky and reckless and
Out of control?
That instead of listening to your
Loved ones pleas for caution and
Safer choices, that the result
Would be a crash?
Neither did I.

Did you ever think –
That your first drink would lead
To weekend binge drinking, terrible
Hang overs, and embarrassing, shameful behavior?
That sampling illegal drugs in a
Recreational way would lead to the
Eventual deterioration of your sanity,
Finances and your precious family life?

Did you ever think –
That crash would mean losing everything –
Your precious family, your beautiful home,
Your cars, your truck, your career,
All your money, and most importantly –
Your freedom?
Neither did I.

So for 1,000 days and nights I will
Sit and think "was it worth taking that chance?"
Every day my heart aching, longing to see my babies,
To hold them, to hug and kiss them,
To be there for them.

As their lives go on without me, and I quietly weep.

Did you ever think –
"That will never happen to me!"
Neither did I.
Neither did I.

Rising Son

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief

January, February, & March Activities

Training: Since our last newsletter, we continue to conduct monthly meetings and drills here at the Fire Department. The drills conducted during this quarter were Fire Apparatus response, Ground Ladder Elevations, Apparatus Pump Operations. Firefighter Kared Parro attended a week long Child Safety Restraint program in Shreveport La.. This training program made possible through the Yaamahana facility provides invaluable training in passenger child safety care for the community we serve. The Firefighter One class started in mid March and is going well. At present there are 8 enrolled students. This class involves area fire departments and instructors to conduct this program.

Response Area Fire Prevention Activities: These activities are an ongoing component performed at all the educational and commercial facilities throughout the response district. Monthly fire extinguisher inspections, pre-planning, Fire Hydrant and other inspections are conducted throughout the response district. Department personnel will be conducting building inspections during the following months throughout Tribal and surrounding community facilities. This service is provided to maintain proper codes to lessen fire potential.

Notices: The pursuit of a new Attack Pumper through the FEMA Fire Act program continues. This fire apparatus will have state of the art technology involving a PTO driven generator, through the booster tank ladder storage, hose bed capacity of 1200 feet of 5 inch supply hose and other components to accommodate our needs.

The Fire Department is available to inspect your smoke detectors and home fire extinguishers. Training is also available in the operation of residential fire extinguishers. Call the department and someone will be happy to assist you. If any assistance is needed involving a Child Restraint Seat or other, Deborah Guardia and Kared Parro can provide valuable assistance. ☺

Emergency Responses: Responses for the month of January ’07 @ (22) , February ’07 @ (29), March ‘07 @ (25).

Health Clinic News

Wishing you Good Health!

By Madeline Phelps

We continue to welcome new patients to the Clinic! Call Brittany Martin at 923-9955, press # 1 to schedule an appointment. Remember to bring insurance information, & all your medications with you to your visit. As required by the state we are unable to accept Medicaid for non-Indian patients, even if Medicare is primary to the Medicaid. Help us keep up-to-date records, please inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number.

Weekly Screening: Every Wednesday morning the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and Community Health Representatives (CHR's) hold a clinic @ Rivercane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken!

Diabetes Support: Our dietician Judith Dupuis provides education during our Diabetes Prevention Activities. A Diabetes Breakfast Activity is held the first Wednesday of every month at Rivercane @ 7:30 a.m. We welcome Tribal Members and spouses! Reminder diabetics: Don't forget to schedule your yearly consultation with Judith. Contact Judith Dupuis @ 923-9955, ext. 3011 for scheduling or more information.

Thank you Rivercane Staff:

A special thanks to John and the staff at Rivercane for allowing us to utilize their facility and for their help during our Diabetes Grant events! We appreciate it!

ALTERNATE RESOURCES

"Alternate resource": health care resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible.

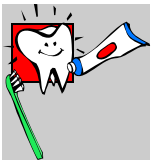
Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3002 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann
- Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status

Dental Clinic:



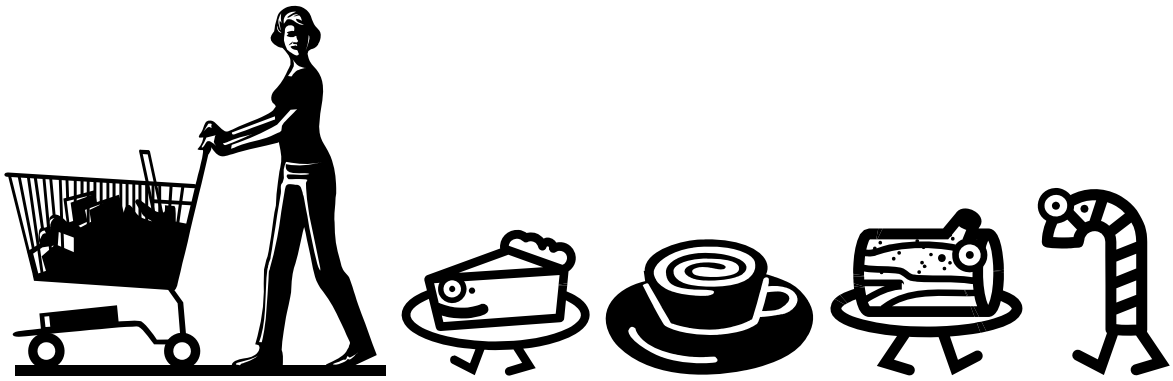
Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we can easily schedule another patient.

Contract Health Service - services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

Some bills are not sent to the Health Department by your healthcare provider, should you receive medical bills/statements such as anesthesia, radiology/or other provider you should bring them to Millie or Pam as soon as possible.

Bring your personal insurance, Medicare explanation of benefits to the Health Department to Millie or Pam within fifteen (15) working days. When contacted by the CHS staff for information about your medical bills or insurance, it is very important for you to respond to requests in a timely manner. The staff is making an attempt to resolve your bills as quickly as possible.

Chitimacha Health Department Calendar of Events for Remaining 2007



Judith Dupuis, Dietician will provide nutritional/diabetic education for all of the events listed below. This is your diabetes support, see you there!!

Remaining 2007

05/02/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (AOA)
06/06/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (AOA)
07/11/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (AOA)
08/01/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (AOA)
*08/22/2007	Cooking Class Rivercane (AOA) Lunch
09/05/2007	Senior Breakfast or DM Breakfast (AOA)

For more information please **contact Judith at 923-9955 ext. 3011 or Lori at ext 3005**

Note: All dates of events are tentative and are subject to change

* Cooking class changed from June 27 to August 22

Please note: **All Tribal Members and Spouses** are invited to participate.

Summer Youth Program - Supervisor

Assist in the daily supervision of summer youth workers. Duties include the supervision of grass cutting, raking, trash collection, odd jobs, and other duties as assigned. The hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED preferred. Must be dependable and hold a valid Louisiana driver's license.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 10, 2007.

Preference will be given to qualified Native Americans.
Subject to pre-employment and random drug testing.
A background investigation will be required.

Summer Youth Program Worker

The Summer Youth Program will begin on June 11, 2007 through July 20, 2007. This is a part-time temporary position available to all 14 and older who are tribal members and who are eligible for Health Services. Must be currently enrolled in school.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 24, 2007.

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA.

Applications are accepted: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

VACANCY

Housing Authority

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint a Member to the Housing Authority to fill a term that will expire in May of 2011. A stipend will be provided.

Scope: The Housing Authority performs such duties as prescribed by the Chitimacha Housing Ordinance and any additional rules and regulations prescribed by the Tribal Council.

Qualifications: All Housing Authority members must be at least 18 years of age at the time of their appointment.

Responsibilities: Members of the Housing Authority are charged with the purposes of 1) Remedying unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions that are injurious to the public health, safety and morals; 2) Alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; and 3) Providing employment opportunities through the construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, alteration or repair and operation of low income dwellings.

Please send letter of interest by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2007 to:

Chitimacha Tribal Council
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523

HOUSING NEWS

By: Marilyn Burgess

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the housing participants that I deal with on a daily basis who always pay on time and maintain their units for a job well done. You are the ones that make my job worthwhile. I know I don't thank you enough but we all get caught up in our daily routine and things that should be said are a lot of times forgotten.

As a lot of you are aware of, our funding is based on the number of homes managed by the Housing Authority. Due to numerous homes being conveyed, our funding is steadily decreasing. Therefore, the Housing Authority is looking at different avenues to assist Tribal members with becoming homebuyers. Tricia Mora, Howard Mora, Jr. and I attended a training in Dallas, TX regarding the Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program. This program is designed to help Tribal Members obtain conventional loans through various lending institutions. We are working hard to learn the process that must be followed regarding the Section 184 Program.

The Section 184 Program will be available for eligible Tribal Members that reside on and off the Reservation. We may begin the program within the Tribe's service area (St. Mary Parish) and expand to other areas when we become more knowledgeable with the program.

We will help to educate Tribal Members that have a poor credit history to learn how to manage their finances in order to be able to construct a home. The timeframe to accomplish this will be determined by the severity of late payments and debt of each person. Remember, that no matter how bad you think your situation is, we feel confident that we can get you back on the right path to homeownership.

We will be meeting with representatives of Capital One and Tribal Point on April 19th to discuss funding that they can offer. We will begin working on policies in order to utilize our funds to help with Down Payment and Closing Costs for eligible Tribal Members.

I would like to welcome anyone that is interested in this program to call me at 923-9125 or come by the office and I will discuss the things that I know at this time.

Just a reminder! Our monthly housing meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Housing Office. The meetings are always open to Tribal Members for any discussions that they may have. If you need to be placed on the agenda, please call me by 5:00 P.M. on the Monday before the meeting.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

JUST A REMINDER...

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!

WE ARE COLLECTING THE E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER INFORMATION CONCERNING TRIBAL NEWS AND EVENTS. YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY OUTSIDE SOURCES.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AT INFO@CHITIMACHA.GOV

CHITIMACHA OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us for prayer, worship, and fellowship. We are not a denomination, so we will not try to get you to join a cult or nothing. We will not ask you for your money, so relax, we just want an hour or so of your time.

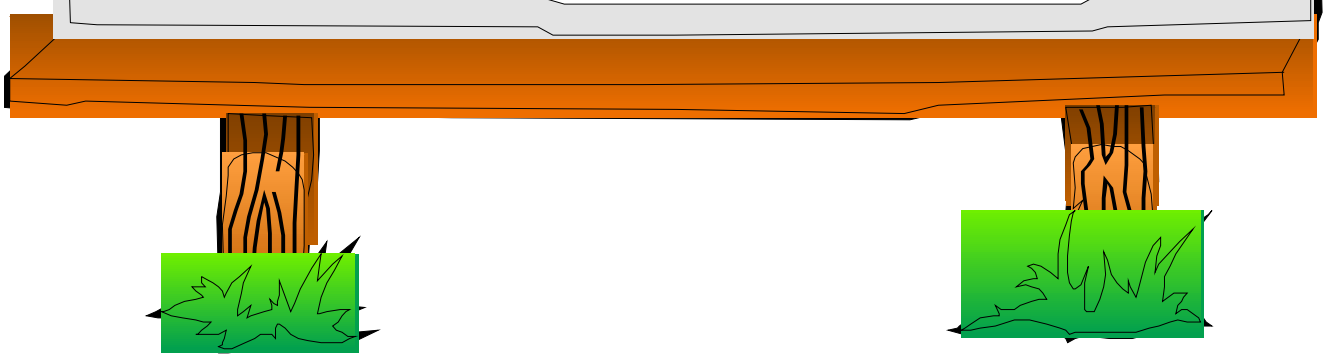
We meet every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at the Chitimacha Recreational Center.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Numbers: 923-6941 or 578-1249.

God Bless You,

Orien Butaud

Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to: kitty@chitimacha.gov



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